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Catherine W. Seidel
Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Transition Administrator's Recommendation - 800 MHz Rebanding Timetable
WT Docket 02-55

Dear Ms. Seidel:

As the Radio Communications Manager and Rebanding Point of Contact for the County of Prince William, Virginia, a licensee and operator of a 800 MHz band public safety radio system affected by rebanding in the NPSPAC Region 20 National Capital Region, I wish express support of the recommendation of the Transition Administrator ("TA") that the period for mandatory negotiation in Stage 2 of Wave 1 of the TA's Regional Prioritization Plan ("RPP") be extended by three months.¹

As you may be aware, Region 20 National Capital Region public safety licensees have been working with the TA, Sprint Nextel and Motorola in support of a longer Stage 2 deferral aimed, among other goals, at maintaining the critically important web of interoperability relationships during the Wave 1 rebanding. The TA's recommendation took note of views that a longer extension is needed, but also stated: "Representatives of the Public Safety community expressed support to the TA for a three-month extension." (Letter of Robert B. Kelly, 3)

We understand the TA's concern that an extension of negotiations in Stage 2 of Wave 1 "not adversely impact the ability of these markets to meet the 36-month deadline" for overall reconfiguration. Nevertheless, careful planning and coordination of the transition is crucial to ensure the continued overall reliability of interoperable communications in the National Capital Region during the transition. This is more important than meeting a schedule for its own sake.

We respectfully urge the Commission to grant the TA's request for the three-month extension of the licensee negotiation period with Sprint Nextel in Stage 2 of Wave 1 from July 31st to October 31st, 2006.

Very truly yours,

Samuel Somers
Radio Communications Manager
County of Prince William, Virginia

cc: Michael Wilhelm, David Furth, Blaise Scinto, WTB/FCC

¹ Letter of March 29, 2006 from Robert B. Kelly to Catherine W. Seidel. The Commission immediately adopted the TA's recommendation for a three-month extension for Stage 2 of Waves 2 and 3 but has not yet responded as to Wave 1. Public Notice, DA 06-767, March 31, 2006.

